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In many cases, however, something more convenient of manipulation is wanted than the liquid. This is furnished by several different compounds. The so-called "metropolitan disinfectant" is a mixture of sulphoxide of iron and carbolic acid. The iron destroys the organic matter with which it comes in contact, and the carbolic acid is slowly given off, and acts in purifying the air. Another compound is the "Egipian powder," which contains common clay as a basis. Still another, and one which has proved of great use, is carbolic acid of lime. Carbolic acid has the property of combining with alkalies and alkaline earths without having its active qualities destroyed, as these compounds are very unstable, and are decomposed by the weakest acids. The carbolic acid of lime is a dry powder, with generally a rose tinge, and smells somewhat like ordinary kumquat. The lime in it acts upon and soon destroys any organic matter with which it may come in contact, the carbolic acid being set free. It is extremely convenient and useful in all places where decaying matter is found. A little of it scattered two or three times a week around a well-pail or other offensive object will keep it perfectly sweet, and will also drive away all flies from the vicinity. —*Journal of Chemistry.*

Ostrich Farming.
An English settler at the Cape of Good Hope gives the following account of his ostrich stock in a private letter: "It is very clear that if I don't write to you I shall never get any more of your valuable hints, and perhaps you may be interested in hearing something of a new style of farming that I have lately taken to, and with success beyond my most sanguine expectations; it is ostrich farming. I have a flock, or herd, or convey, or whatever else you like to call it, of twenty-seven; they are perfectly tame and will follow me all over the place; in fact, I feel sure that they were always intended to be domesticated. I have only to go outside the door and whistle, and the whole troop comes as fast as their legs can carry them, in hopes of getting some maize, which they are very fond of. They eat almost anything, but there is so much round the house and in the old lands, that they scarcely require any artificial food; but I generally give them a feed of lucerne once a day, and they seem to relish it more than anything else. They are plucked first at eight months old, and afterward at every seven months. The first feathers are not of much value, but nevertheless return twenty-five per cent. per annum. The second plucking brings that up to fifty per cent., and the third to about 110, or more. The feathers are then plucked, and the yield from each bird, taking cocks and hens together, is about 25 or 30 lbs. The price of birds two months old is £2, and I intend to make up my number to forty-five this season, and when they are full grown I expect to get £750 a year for their feathers alone, without counting increase. Wild birds are now very scarce within the colony, and are only to be found in numbers far in the interior, where they are also rapidly decreasing; this accounts for the price of feathers. Of course the demand is increasing throughout the world, so that it will be many years before the domesticated birds make any marked difference in the market. No stock gives so little trouble; they thrive where a donkey would find it hard lines to live." —*N. Y. Times.*

GENERAL NEWS.
—Ladies carry to parties now-a-days bouquets of wax flowers, heavily perfumed, and so admirably arranged as to pass for natural flowers.

—Alderman work in Fort Scott, Kansas, is enormous, and doesn't pay. Mr. Geringer lived at some burglarious one night, and the next day one of the Aldermen had his arm amputated.

—The rector of the Glasgow University Chapel, in a recent sermon, said: "O, for light, more light!" The janitor thought that he really meant it and turned on the gas to a full blast.

—Hard times and dishonesty among stewards have got a pretty tight grip on the clubs of New York city. The Manhattan Club has got to raise \$96,000 at once to meet its obligations, while the Long Island Club will probably have to be sold on soon, and nearly all the rest are having a hard wrestle with the financial question.

—Coal troubles are increasing. The great rise in the price in France has caused a company to be formed who propose to utilize the ocean tides by means of proper machinery. The first experiment is to be made at St. Malo, where the tide rises about thirty feet.

—This is a kaleidoscope year in religion. The shaking up of creeds is forming the most astonishing combinations. Now, a Jewish rabbi of Chicago, has requested to be admitted to the Unitarian Union there.

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As additional information concerning the Villa de Havre disaster comes in, facts seem to lean more against the management of the steamer than hitherto. If the whole affair is not suffered to sink into oblivion, as so many kindred excitements have done before, perhaps a practical result, ensuring greater safety at sea may come of the continued letters and discussions.

Patterson, to whom the register of the Virginias was last issued, escapes from prosecution by our government, on account of the statute of limitations, two years having elapsed since he obtained the papers. Nobody knows how valuable a little fragment of time is to a man until he wants to use it in running away from justice, or in dodging some sort of responsibility.

Rochester is dead. How rapidly do the prominent actors in late great events vanish from the stage. A few years ago this brilliant literary caricaturist was lampooned by Louis Napoleon, together with every member of his then Majesty's family and dynasty, with merciless severity. He was brilliant, one-sided and fickle. Money and fame came to him easily and went with a logical carelessness and prodigality. Rochester was one of the ornaments which made the "Familiar" so interesting. His life was not without redeeming traits; but his work was neither serious nor substantial. Beyond the circle of the few who loved him his death will signify but a small loss.

Winter may be the current opinion in respect to ex-Mayor Hall's guilty complicity with the Tammany ring there can be no question about the extent of his legal ability, and the sublimity of his "cheek." He conducts his own defense with a coolness and clear-headedness worthy of a much better cause. The ex-Mayor exhibits himself also to renewed advantage as a professional punster in the examination of witnesses and in gliding the test points of law with the shining leaf of his exhaustless humor. Should the hero of the dominant eye-glasses be convicted and finally incarcerated, what a book could be not only "Tweed to make!" The literary coalition between these two would be much more close and effective than that between Warner and Mark Twain. John Banyan composed the Pilgrim's Progress in Bedford Jail; and Hall and Tweed could easily get up in like circumstances a volume almost as entertaining without making those severe drafts upon the imagination which were Banyan's only resource. The immortal Tinker was a man of figures; so are Hall and the Boss men of figures. The former, though, may have written wiser than he knew and prefigured the fate of these later writers when he said, "As I journeyed through the wilderness of this world I laid me down at a place where there was a den."

Proctor. Mr. Proctor, the English astronomer, who is now lecturing here on his favorite theme, is a man with whom the public in this country should get better acquainted. He is a young man and personates almost exclusively to the new scientific method. His mind is a comprehensive chest which seeks to compass the secret of the correlation of the sciences. Mr. Proctor in the field of speculation holds much the same position which Kirchhoff, the inventor of the spectroscopic, holds in the field of observation and introduction. Through this wonderful instrument, chemistry, which until now has been a purely "cartby" science, is set to investigate celestial things as well. We do not hesitate to say that the discovery and application of the spectrum-analysis is of infinitely greater advantage to the cause of knowledge than that of the law of gravitation. The latter would have been just as beneficial and used in pretty much the same way if Newton had never named it; and never would have operated between the celestial spheres as it now does even in case they had all been composed of homogeneous matter. But the new instrument tells us not how heavy the planets are, but of their constituent elements; thus enlarging the circle of the sciences and teaching the unity of celestial agencies. Proctor is one of the foremost exponents of the new developments and will create a sensation not second to that made by Prof. Tyndall in a different department.

Christmas. We do not want to announce to young or old what day this is, as the name is prominent in the almanac and its history and legends too deeply interwoven with the ideas, customs and hopes of Christian civilization ever to be forgotten or neglected. The day is an antique gone perpetually re-set in the gold of changing thoughts, yet never losing its beauty or wearing its sacredness. When Pope Telesphorus instituted the observance of Christmas day away back in the second century or whether the fashion came in through some other channel is of the smallest importance. We know that what was at first a mere church celebration is now the accepted symbol among all men in Christian lands, whether they are communicants or not at any specific altar, of peace and good will. We have no space this morning to name the various customs, rites and ceremonies both in ecclesiastic and domestic life with which this day is associated, though we should take pleasure in the task. Each country throughout Christendom has its own customs and its own evidence with its intrinsic character. In the Protestant districts of Germany and the north of Europe Christmas is often called the "children's festival" and Christmas eve is devoted to giving presents, especially between parents and children, and between brothers and sisters, by means of the sacred Christmas tree. The people there have a further custom of assembling in family groups after the distribution of the presents, when fathers and mothers praise their children for their good conduct, and firmly elide them for their evil ways. The alogia of this feature of the European method of keeping the day will be a wise measure in this country, where the young folks are so often unruly and disobedient.

Our English cousins observe Christmas with a vast display of fun and merriment. It is the day of days in the wonderful little island and all classes and ages take the most positive delight in making the most of it. The revels there are not, however, quite so extensive and wild as they once were, as in earlier times they began on Christmas eve and lasted more than a month. The history tells us that "a glowing fire, made of great logs, the principal of which was termed the yule log or Christmas block, which might be burned until the second of February, kept out the severity of the weather; and the abundance was shared amid music, conjuring, riddles, hot coxles, fooling, snoring, drowsy, jokes, laughter, repartee, frolics and dances." With all this there was a plentiful amount of punch and other liquors, with the concomitant drunkenness and headaches. We are thankful that in this country, not to say wicked, a way of celebrating Christ's birthday is becoming obsolete in England and has never been introduced in our own country.

As we took occasion to say yesterday in referring to the day, its lesson is unselfishness and its duty practical charity and good will. The hard and most constant thinking and labor which most of us devote to our personal welfare should be remitted on this occasion. We should enjoy now the luxury of a bath in the free spirit of human kind; and try to actualize the fact that all are indeed of one blood and have related joys and sorrows. We ought to remember that the turtle in its shagging shell, with head, body and tail tucked cover, is no proper type of a man. If

Christmas has any worthy and elevating significance at all, it certainly teaches that we should inhale and make practical use of the spirit of Him whose advent into the world it commemorates. In case our columns afford the opportunity we should be glad to make extended allusion to the evidence which recent history presents of the proposition that upon the whole the nations of the earth have improved somewhat in morals since the Annunciation and the Nativity. The disposition to fight is surely less than it was and the tendency to settle disputes by arbitration increased; and before many additional centuries shall pass, possibly men may be content to "leave war no more." A good priest should always be held in honor as the channel which his footsteps once halloved, even though his elapses and memory grows dim and stained. Charles Dickens was the high-priest of Christmas day; and when the solemn, cheery time returns we miss

"The touch of a vanished hand
And the sound of a voice that is still."

On this day his stories and carols were wont to inspire the reading world to laughter and to tears; and we run no risk of waking up any caving controversialist when we say that no other man so breathed the living breath of this sweet human season and so personated the spirit of Christmas. It was the spirit of the Gadabill hospitalities and that loving incarnation of charity, Charles Dickens. Soft and tender before he was sleep among the gray old marbles of Westminster. For no such retroactive and primitive reason as compelled the dismembered spirit of Jacob Morley to walk the earth does that of the gentle Christmas novelist, poet and singer linger today over the hearts and heartstones of the world he did so much to bless. But a greater and better man than he is also abroad upon the earth, not only now but always, and because of that we are able to chant our carols and decorate our homes and churches with the Christmas tree. It is an ancient tradition that midnight guests and spectres forsake human haunts and cease to trouble men at the crowing of the cock in the early morning; we are glad, however, to go further and agree with Shakespeare, who alludes to it and says that

"Even when that season comes
Wherein our fathers' birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawn singeth all night long;
And then, they say, a spirit stirs abroad;
The lights are wholesome; then no planet strikes;
No fiery tares, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is the time."

CURRENT TOPICS.

The New York papers are advocating heating the street cars. A good idea.

A Maine man has sued another for libel because he called him an "indefatigable genius."

There seems now to be no doubt that the steamer Ticon was burned at sea and all on board lost.

The Evening Post thinks Husted ought not to be Speaker of the Assembly because he was too intimate with Tweed.

Alex Stephens thinks more of the darkies than he did fifteen years ago. They vote for themselves now.

The City Council of Boston says the women can't serve as school superintendents. Here's more tyranny.

Congressmen have developed a wonderful economy in the use of their money. Retrenchment is all the talk. But how will they act?

The Republican and Democratic papers concede that the election of Senator Booth was not a party success, but purely a victory for reform.

Some of the California Republicans are jealous of Booth and are trying to make him out a Democrat. But they can't prove him dishonest.

The British have a bigger job than they bargained for in the Asiatic war. The natives and the martial fever is making havoc among the troops.

Evidence seems to be accumulating that most of the officers and crew of the Villa de Havre were cowardly scamps who made efforts only to save themselves.

Strange how the newspapers turn things around! A while ago it was "the Virginias tragedy," and now it is "the Virginias farce." Some people are never satisfied.

Something certainly should be done to prevent the outrages so frequent throughout the country. It is time officials began to understand that increased watchfulness is in order.

The Chicago papers see good in the Gage defalcation if it will only arouse the better class of citizens to take an interest in municipal affairs. All of our cities could stand a reform of this kind. Thieves steal when honest men sleep.

The Cincinnati Commercial has fears that this delay of the Senators to confirm Williams will fearfully lacerate the President's susceptibilities. It may be only a terrible stratagem to bring the hitherto invisible elements of his character into public notice.

That \$40,000 cow is not to leave this country after all, and the avowed determination of English cattle breeders to restore the blood of the Dutchess of Geneva back to England, and henceforward enjoy a monopoly thereof, is to be thwarted.

The Eighth Dutchess, which was purchased at Senator Campbell's recent sale for the respectable figure named above, has once more changed hands and is now the property of Col. Lewis G. Morris of Fortmham. The Englishman's agent, it appears, bid beyond his authorized limit at the sale, and he was directed to dispose of the animal on the most favorable terms in this country. The price paid by Mr. Morris was \$30,000.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

It is reported that John Scannell, foreman of the Harlem Court House improvement, has run away.

Ex-President Fillmore and the surviving members of his Cabinet are to meet at Washington early next week.

It is deemed that the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company has sold out to the Western Union.

It is reported that the South Sea-Railroad Company of Long Island is to be sold to new parties, who will compromise the debts due and thus prevent a foreclosure.

The officers deny the reports of large discrepancies having been discovered in the accounts of certain employees of the Lake Shore Railroad Company.

Special Treasury Agent Jayne denies the statement attributed to him that Woolf and Robinson have defrauded the government out of two million dollars.

A Washington correspondent has it that a bill has been framed and will be introduced after the recess abolishing the office of Chief Justice, and it is reported to have the endorsement of several Senators. It is contended that the office should be selected by the Senate if at all.

The Board of Supervisors of New York having refused to transfer the Centre street armory from the Eleventh to the Ninety-sixth regiment the latter Tuesday night, under the lead of Gen. Funk, forcibly took possession of the armory, electing the Colonel and Adjutant of the Eleventh. Much excitement and further trouble is apprehended.

Mrs. Bonny, that young lady in Livingston county who was supposed to have gone into a trance, is now believed by all but the members of her own family and some of her intimates to be dead. There are no outward signs of decomposition, although the body has been kept in the house for five weeks, but a bad odor pervades the room.

TELEGRAPH.

REGULAR DISPATCHES TO DAILY FREEMAN.

FOREIGN.

GERMANY.

The Emperor Better.
BERLIN, Dec. 24.—The Emperor, William is much better. He has been up all day.

SPAIN.

Sickles Hauled over the Coals.
MADRID, Dec. 24.—The Epoca publishes a letter from Gen. Sickles declaring that early in the Virginias dispute the intrigueries of Madrid proposed to make a demonstration hostile to the United States. The Epoca denies that there was any such intention and regrets that Gen. Sickles took no pains to contradict the dispatch from America, reporting that such a demonstration had actually taken place.

OAKLEY HALL ACQUITTED!

CLOSING SCENES OF THE TRIAL.

Enthusiastic Applause at the Verdict.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Hall trial was resumed at 9:30. The court room was densely crowded and the prisoner had a formidable array of counsel present. No testimony for the defense was put in, and Mr. Stoughton began summing up for the prisoner.

Mr. Stoughton said that they did not put in the testimony, because no evidence had been adduced showing that he was guilty of the frauds committed. He claimed that Hall's previous fifteen years of honest public life should shield him from the suspicion of being a party to them, and that so soon as the frauds were discovered he (Hall) took steps to rectify them. Stoughton incidentally observing that he did not suppose the prosecution would insist, as the indictment charges, that he (Hall) corruptly certified to bills which he knew to be fraudulent, Tremaine rejoined: "We insist upon everything."

Stoughton observed that the case is narrowed down to a question whether Mr. Hall was guilty of fraud or not. He said that he is indicted and charged with five offenses, one of which he could be sentenced to a year's imprisonment and a fine of \$250, the imprisonment of a life time, but I do believe that you have come to the conclusion that he has not been guilty of any fault whatever.

Tremaine resumed his argument, pointing out that a third who stole twenty-five dollars was liable for a felony, while a man who by his neglect permitted this city to be plundered of millions could only be punished under an old law for a misdemeanor because, to the credit of our own ancestors and of English people, the possibility of such a crime was not anticipated. To no officer was such high authority given as to the Mayor. He was the elect of the people. To him the Legislature trusted these important duties as a representative of the whole people of the city, elected by an overwhelming majority. The claim that the resolution was merely to get together bills already audited by the Board of Supervisors he signified as entirely unreasonable. Once audited by the Board of Supervisors they needed no further audit. Again, they were to be sought in committee rooms. Who ever heard of an audited bill traveling back to the committee rooms? Nor was any certificate of audit required. The fact of Wm. M. Tweed not being enough. Woodward and his legal standing whatever. He claimed that in the light of subsequent acts this resolution was proof of an intent to accept Tweed's signature and that of his henchmen in place of doing his duty. Tremaine spoke for three hours and in conclusion said if the offense was a mere technical one the jury should find it so and trust the Court to administer a severe technical penalty. He did not ask the jury to find that any money went into defendant's pocket, and he rejoined to say that there was no proof whatever that it did. The waters of reform have commenced to flow and it was for the jury to determine whether the waters of justice shall be arrested in their flow. If they found a general verdict of guilty the defendant could only be punished for one offense; or they could find him guilty on all or any counts or vouchers. He excluded all thought that any relation existed between the defendant and any of the jurors except those disclosed by the investigation, and left the case on their hands.

Judge Daniels then charged the jury. He explained the duties of the members of the Board of Audit and the requirements made of them by law. They should have investigated all claims before auditing them to prevent frauds, and the question for the jury to decide was whether defendant had discharged his duty. The defendant, being a lawyer and a man of culture, should be held to a strict performance of the duty imposed upon him. If a public officer willfully neglects duty he is guilty of misdemeanor. The duty required was personal and could not be delegated to others. An inspection of many of the bills rendered necessary the revealed frauds of gross character. The judge instancing one bill from which was omitted the creditor's name. The public had a right to expect an examination of all these bills. He instructed the jury that the defendant made of the duties being too anxious would not stand as an excuse, for no officer can undertake a duty and willfully neglect it. If the jury are satisfied that defendant committed the offense, no matter how painful it might be to defendant and friends, it was their duty to pronounce him guilty, and unless they had an abiding conviction of his guilt they must find him not guilty. The jury returned and were instructed in answer to queries from the foreman that a simple act of neglect of duty, if willful, would warrant a verdict of guilty and that the jury were themselves the judges whether the act was or was not willful. The Judge told them if they did not find a verdict within an hour or so they would be locked up for the night. The jury retired again.

NOT QUITE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—At 10:30 o'clock the jury entered the court room and in answer to the usual inquiry of the court the jury replied that they had found a verdict of not guilty. At this announcement the crowded court burst into a thunder of applause, which the Court did not object to, and after a lapse of about ten minutes the court was adjourned until morning at 10:30.

DISHONEST OFFICIALS.

Collision With Swindlers.
OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 24.—It is reported here that Sheriff Ellis and Treasurer Kane of Cheyenne county have been arrested for being in collusion with the gang of swindlers who have been operating so extensively on the Union Pacific Railroad. The Sheriff arrested another batch of gamblers to-day.

THE WEATHER.

To-Day's Probabilities.

For New England and the Middle States the temperature will fall slightly, with increasing pressure and generally fair weather.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

The Canal Board.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—The Canal Board met to-day, but adjourned until Dec. 20th without transacting any business.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR.

Pursuant to law Gov. Dix has made the following judicial designations to provide for the vacancies in the General Term of the Supreme Court and to take effect on the first of January:

First Judicial Department.—Hon. Noah Davis, of the First Judicial District, to be Presiding Justice of the General Term.

Hon. Charles Daniels, of the Eighth Judicial District, to be Associate Justice of the General Term.

Hon. John L. Talcott, of the Eighth Judicial District, to be Associate Justice of the General Term.

Hon. Augustus Boockes, of the Fourth Judicial District, to be Associate Justice of the General Term.

Hon. Joseph Mullen, of the Fifth Judicial District, to be Presiding Justice of the General Term.

Hon. Jasper W. Gilbert, of the Second Judicial District, to be Associate Justice of the General Term.

It appearing to the Governor's satisfaction upon the application of Hon. Daniel P. Ingraham, Presiding Justice of the Supreme Court of the First Judicial District, that the public interest requires it, the Governor, by virtue of the power vested in him by Section 12 of Article 6 of the Constitution of this State, and Section 8 Chapter 408 of the laws of 1870, has designated Hon. Hooper C. Van Vorst, a Judge of the Supreme Court of the City of New York, to hold Circuit and Special Terms of the Supreme Court for the First Judicial District for the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, October, November and December, during the years 1874 and 1875.

Also, Hon. Charles H. Van Brunt, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the city of New York, to hold Circuit and Special Terms of the Supreme Court for the First Judicial District for the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, October, November and December, during the years 1874 and 1875.

The contract for the legislative printing for two years has been awarded to Weed, Parsons & Co.

METROPOLITAN NEWS.

The Latest About Genet.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The last report concerning Genet is that he sailed Monday morning with an Italian friend, ex-Senator Taylor of New Jersey, and that they departed secretly from Jersey City in the yacht Wm. A. Keeney, which was chartered for that purpose.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—It is now positively stated that the Deputy Sheriffs on Monday tracked Genet to Pelham Bay, Long Island, thence to the islands known as the Three Brothers, that from there he went to White Plains, where he remained overnight, and starting from there early yesterday morning for a point further out on Long Island, to which the sheriffs have gone in pursuit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The last report about Genet is that he escaped by taking passage with Noah Taylor on the latter's yacht on Monday from Communipaw for South America.

THE GREELEY MEMORIAL ALBUM.

The memorial album from this city to the family of Horace Greeley will be presented on the 14th of January by Mayor Havemeyer.

COMMERCIAL REPORTS.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

Flour.—Quiet and unchanged. Receipts 9,000 bushels. Sales 20,000 bushels. For export 10,000 bushels. For domestic 10,000 bushels. Choice extra Western \$6.50 per cwt. for common \$6.00 per cwt. for inferior \$5.50 per cwt. for mixed \$5.00 per cwt.

Grain.—Wheat quiet and unchanged. Receipts 122,000 bushels. Sales 20,000 bushels. For export 10,000 bushels. For domestic 10,000 bushels. Choice extra Western \$6.50 per cwt. for common \$6.00 per cwt. for inferior \$5.50 per cwt. for mixed \$5.00 per cwt.

Provisions.—Pork firm. Receipts 100,000 lbs. Sales 20,000 lbs. For export 10,000 lbs. For domestic 10,000 lbs. Choice extra Western \$6.50 per cwt. for common \$6.00 per cwt. for inferior \$5.50 per cwt. for mixed \$5.00 per cwt.

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BREVITIES.

Of six persons baptized at Knoxville a week ago last Friday four have died with congestive chills.

"Public documents" are once more to be franked by Congressmen, and country editors have ceased buying kindling wood.

The Courier-Journal has found out how to retrench. It suggests paying Grant's salary in bull pupps at \$1,000 per pup.</

An engraving of the Hotel de Ville in New Orleans. The central building is a large, ornate structure with a portico supported by columns. It has multiple windows and a decorative roofline. To the left is a smaller building with a sign that reads "HOTEL DE VILLE". To the right is another building with a sign that reads "HOTEL DE VILLE". The street in front of the hotel is wide and has a few figures walking on it. The engraving is signed "GUTHRIE" in the bottom right corner.

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Stony Brook.....	7:36	5:51
West Hurley.....	7:48	6:03
Beaverkill.....	8:00	6:15
Brook's Crossing.....	8:09	6:24
Oliver Bridge.....	8:19	6:35
Boiceville.....	8:28	6:44
Mount Pleasant.....	8:39	6:55
Phoenicia.....	8:47	7:03
Fox Hollow.....	9:15	5:00

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6.50 Up Po'keepsie train.....	7.30
9.00 Down Express train.....	8.30
9.15 Down Special.....	9.14
10.40 Up Express train.....	11.15
11.45 Down Express train.....	12.10
P. M.	
1.35 Up Express train.....	2.60
2.45 Down Po'keepsie train.....	2.4
3.45 No Train	
3.00 No Train	
6.00 Down train.....	6.30
7.00 Up Express.....	7.30

LEAVE HUNGERF.

7.20, 8.20, 9.45, 11.15 A. M.	12.20, 2.00, 3.00, 4.30, 5.30, 6.55, 7.20 P. M.
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SUNDAY.

LEAVE RODUOT—8.45 (Down Train 9.45), 11.30, A. M.; 2.00, 4.00, P. M.	
LEAVE RINKLEIFF—9.45, A. M.; 12.00, 2.00, 4.00, 5.30, 6.55, 7.20 P. M.	

